Loss of wheat, paddy and millet production

†2494.SHRI RAJIV RAN JAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRIRAMJETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total annual production of fruits and vegetables in the country is estimated to be worth around rupees one lakh crore;

(b) the estimated value of annual production of wheat, paddy and millets in the country, in comparison thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the total production of fruits and vegetables worth one lakh crore rupees, the production to the tune of rupees 30,000 crore gets destroyed annually, without utilization; and

(d) the average annual loss of wheat, paddy and millets in comparison thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) According to the estimates of value output from agriculture released by the Central Statistical Organisation the value of production of fruits & vegetables for the year 2000-01 is Rs. 85,732 crore. The estimated value of production of cereals including wheat, paddy and millets in the country in 2000-01 is Rs. 1,45,824 crore. According to the studies conducted by the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, the post harvest losses at producers' level were 5.02% for jowar, 4.34% for paddy, 2.17% for Bajra, 5.0% for wheat and 1.5% for Maize. Information on the quantum of fruits and vegetables destroyed before final utilization is not maintained in the Ministry.

Impact of US farm subsidy on Indian farmers

† 2495.SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRIRAMJETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news

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